VETERANS' PENSIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Compensations and Pensions held hearing but took no action on 13 bills providing for exclusion from income limit of non-service-connected pensioners. Testimony was received from Representatives Thompson of Louisiana, Long, Lanham, Brooks of Louisiana, Rogers of Massachusetts, and Fino; and representatives of GAO, VA, VFW, and the American Legion.

COMMERCIAL SAMPLES IMPORTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House H. R. 5924, relating to the International Convention To Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Matter.

Joint Committee Meetings

AEC CONSTRUCTION

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Subcommittee on Legislation, in executive session, ordered favorably reported to the full committee S. 1572 and H. R. 5889, authorizing appropriations for the Atomic Energy Commission to acquire or construct certain facilities.

The full committee will consider this matter tomorrow.

OAK RIDGE PROPERTIES

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Subcommittee on Communities met in executive session with representatives of the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the Federal Housing Administration to discuss sale of certain properties at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Subcommittee adjourned subject to call.

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Wednesday, July 24, 1957

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued on civil rights bill, voting 52-38 to eliminate language to permit Attorney General to institute certain civil actions for injunctions. House worked on school construction assistance bill and adopted conference report on Defense appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: 13 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2620-2632; S. J. Res. 127-128; and S. Res. 170.

Pages 12517-12518

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1168, requiring registration of certain information with SEC by certain issuers of securities, with amendments (S. Rept. 700);

S. 375, to amend the Interstate Commerce Act to provide for filing of documents evidencing validity of certain credit instruments (S. Rept. 701);

S. 1385, to amend the Clayton Antitrust Act to extend authority of the ICC thereunder to contract carriers subject to Interstate Commerce Act (S. Rept. 702);

S. 1384, to amend the Interstate Commerce Act to revise definition of contract carrier by motor vehicle, with amendments (S. Rept. 703); and

S. Rept. 704 (accompanied by minority views) on S. 1356, to amend the antitrust laws by vesting in FTC jurisdiction to prevent monopolistic practices in commerce in the meat industry (which had been reported July 18 without written report).

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Resolution Referred: One House-passed concurrent resolution was referred to appropriate committee.

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Civil Rights: Senate continued its work on H. R. 6127, to protect the civil rights of persons within the jurisdiction of the U. S., adopting by 52 yeas to 38 nays modified Anderson amendment to eliminate section 121 of part III of the bill, which would permit Attorney General to institute civil action for preventive relief in certain civil rights cases (motion to reconsider tabled); and Case (South Dakota) amendment of a technical corrective nature.

Pending at recess was O'Mahoney amendment respecting jury trials in certain contempt cases.

Pages 12530-12565, 12569-12573

Nominations: Two judicial nominations were received.

Recess: Recessed at 6:15 p. m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS-FOREIGN AID

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing its executive hearings on proposed fiscal 1958 budget estimates for

the mutual security programs, committee received testimony from Douglas Dillon, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL STOCKPILING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee, consisting of Senators Symington, and Smith of Maine, held an

executive session to hear ODM Director Gordon Gray testify regarding the national stockpile program.

Subcommittee adjourned subject to call.

TAXES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded its hearings on S. 2376, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to impose import taxes on lead and zinc, after hearing testimony in opposition to its enactment from Jean Vuillequez, American Metal Co., Ltd.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H. R. 8881-8892; 4 private bills, H. R. 8893-8896; and 12 resolutions, H. J. Res. 418-423, and H. Res. 361-366, were introduced.

Pages 12641-12642

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. R. 7654, a private bill (H. Rept. 865);

H. R. 8547, authorizing the disposal of certain uncompleted naval vessels (H. Rept. 866);

H. R. 8522, amending and clarifying the reemployment provisions of the Universal Military Training and

Service Act (H. Rept. 867); S. 1063, relating to care and maintenance of the Surrender Tree site in Santiago, Cuba (H. Rept. 868);

H. R. 17, reduction of cabaret tax from 20 percent to 10 percent, amended (H. Rept. 869);

H. R. 232, relating to breach of contract damages,

amended (H. Rept. 870);

H. R. 6894, amending the Tariff Act of 1930 relative to unmanufactured mica and mica films and splittings, amended (H. Rept. 871);

H. R. 8531, providing an interim system for appointment of cadets to the U. S. Air Force Academy (H. Rept. 872);

H. Res. 361, providing for consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, S. 1856, Airways Modernization Act (H. Rept. 873);

H. Res. 362, providing for consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, H. R. 7244, to permit deductions for a self-help meat promotion program (H. Rept. 874); and

H. Res. 363, providing for consideration of, and I hour of debate on, H. R. 8456, to exempt certain wheat producers from liability under Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 when all the wheat crop is fed or used for seed or food on the farm (H. Rept. 875).

Pages 12641-12642

Defense Appropriations: By a voice vote the House adopted and sent to the Senate the conference report

on H. R. 7665, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1958. Senate amendments Nos. 3 and 11 were in disagreement and the House voted to recede and concur therein.

Pages 12576-12583

School Construction: Concluded general debate on H. R. 1, relating to Federal assistance for school construction, and commenced reading the bill for amendments. Tentatively adopted an amendment stating it to be the intent of Congress that the Federal Government shall not in any way control the educational system. When the Committee of the Whole rose there was pending a substitute amendment to allow 1 percent of all income taxes collected from the States to be returned to the respective States for educational purposes.

Pages 12587-12636

Commission Resignation: Received and read a letter of resignation of Representative August H. Andresen from membership on the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 5:19 p. m.

Committee Meetings

HOG-CHOLERA VIRUS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Feed Grains held hearing on H. R. 5933, to control the preparation, distribution, importation, and exportation of virulent hog-cholera virus.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Committee on Armed Services: Held hearing on H. R. 8704, to prohibit the delivery of members of the Armed Forces of the United States to the jurisdiction of any foreign nation. Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy and Mansfield D. Sprague, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, were heard. Hearings continue tomorrow with Members of Congress as witnesses.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on S. 1451 and H. R. 7026, Financial Institutions Act of 1957. Testimony was received from Ray M. Gidney, Comptroller of the Currency, who will continue his testimony tomorrow.

D. C. TAXICABS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Utilities, Insurance, and Banking met in an evening session in a continuation of hearings on certain aspects of the taxicab business in the District of Columbia.

WELFARE AND PENSION PLANS

Committee on Education and Labor: Resumed hearings with regard to welfare and pension benefit plans. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS MISCELLANY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House:

S. 2488, payment to Government of Denmark

(Danish vessels);

H. J. Res. 342, Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority;

H. R. 7535, Corregidor-Bataan Memorial Commis-

sion; and

S. 1063, vesting in the American Battle Monuments Commission the care and maintenance of Surrender Tree site in Santiago, Cuba.

CIGARETTE ADVERTISING

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Legal and Monetary Affairs continued hearings with regard to certain claims of filter-cigarette manufacturers and what action has been taken by the Federal Trade Commission in protecting the public from false and misleading advertising. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WHEAT STORAGE

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations continued hearings with regard to the storage of certain wheat by the Burrus Mills Co. in association with the Commodity Credit Corporation.

INTERIOR MISCELLANY

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: By a rollcall vote of 16-14 approved subcommittee action of striking the enacting clause of H. R. 5, relating to the construction of the Hells Canyon Dam.

The committee also reported favorably to the House

with amendments the following bills:

H. R. 6760, to grant to the Territory of Alaska title to certain lands beneath tidal waters;

S. 999, to convey certain land to the State of North Dakota;

S. 1556, granting the consent of Congress to the States of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact relating to their interest in, and the apportionment of, the waters of the Little Missouri River; and

H. R. 4215, amending sections 22 and 24 of the

Organic Act of Guam (without amendment).

INTERSTATE COMMERCE MISCELLANY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Transportation and Communication concluded hearings on H. R. 369, 370, and 5771, relating to standard time; H. R. 5330, relating to appointments under the Locomotive Inspection Act; and H. R. 3626, to alleviate freight-car shortages.

CHEMICAL FOOD ADDITIVES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Science continued hearing on H. R. 6747, and similar bills, to amend the Food and Drug Act relating to chemical food additives. Hearings will be resumed on August 6 and 7 at which time a panel of scientists will be heard.

CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee seven private claim bills.

JUDICIAL MISCELLANY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 3 met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 8194 (amended), to codify recent military law; and H. R. 7151 (amended), to fix the fees payable to the Patent Office.

The subcommittee also ordered adversely reported H. R. 2522, and similar bills, relating to patent exten-

sions.

BANKRUPTCY ACT—INCORPORATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 4 met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 7671 (amended), amending the Federal Bankruptcy Act to make certain equipment trust provisions applicable to aircraft and aircraft equipment of air carriers.

The subcommittee also held a hearing on H. R. 4412, and other similar bills, to incorporate the Veterans of World War I; and received testimony from the following witnesses: Representatives Lane, Gray, Miller of California, Wier, Tollefson, Cederberg, Vursell, Magnuson, and McFall. Statements for the record were submitted by Representatives Burdick, Ullman, and Moss.

The subcommittee also held a hearing on H. R. 4838, to incorporate the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and received testimony from Representative Teague of Texas.

BASEBALL

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust Subcommittee resumed hearings on H. R. 5319, and related bills, to provide that the words "trade or commerce" as used in any provision of the antitrust laws shall include the interstate business of baseball. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AIRWAYS MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on S. 1856, Airways Modernization Act. Heard on the rule were Representatives Harris, O'Hara of Minnesota, and Dingell.

HUMANE SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with I hour of debate on H. R. 8308, relating to humane slaughter of livestock. Heard on the rule were Representatives Poage and August H. Andresen.

WHEAT

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on H. R. 8456, to exempt certain wheat producers under certain circumstances from liability under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. Heard on the rule was Representative Cooley.

MEAT PROMOTION PROGRAM

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule with 1 hour of debate on H. R. 7244, relating to a meat promotion program.

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Approved H. Res. 316, to authorize the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee to travel outside the United States in conducting its investigations.

NATURAL GAS BILL

Committee on Rules: Began but did not complete hearing on granting of rule on H. R. 8525, to amend the Natural Gas Act. Witnesses heard were Representatives Harris, O'Hara of Minnesota, Mack of Illinois, Williams of Mississippi, and Bennett of Michigan. Hearings on the granting of a rule continue tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

WAYS AND MEANS MISCELLANY

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H. R. 8865, relating to the administration of certain

collected taxes;

H. R. 38, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for the temporary free importation of casein; and

H. R. 7096, to amend paragraph 1684 of the Tariff Act of 1930 with respect to istle and Tampico fiber.

The committee referred H. R. 8810 (to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the income-tax treatment of dividends paid by regulated investment companies which hold the bulk of their assets in State and local securities) to the Subcommittee on Internal Revenue Taxation for hearings, study, and

reporting back to the full committee.

Joint Committee Meetings

AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Subcommittee on Agreements for Cooperation met in executive session with representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission and State Department to discuss bilateral agreements for cooperation with Italy, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, and the Union of South Africa.

Thursday, July 25, 1957

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued consideration of civil rights bill. School construction assistance bill rejected by House.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 12653-12684

Bills Introduced: 6 bills and 2 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2633-2638; S. J. Res. 129; and S. Res. 171.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 118, to amend Senate rule XXVI to require committee reports proposing legislation or ratification of treaties, involving expenditure of public funds, to show estimated costs thereof (S. Rept. 705);